(ii) The G-20, of which India is a Member, has also demanded that developing countries that allocate almost all *de minimis* support to subsistence and resource poor farmers should not be required to reduce the same as agreed to by Members in the Framework Agreement of July, 2004.

Recommendations of NCF

311. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the major recommendations made by national Commission on Farmers headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The First Interim Report of the National Commission on Farmers covers a wide range of recommendations dealing with integrated life saving support programme for farm families facing acute distress, productivity and livelihood enhancement in rainfed areas, a new deal for women in agriculture, strengthening and expanding the horticulture revolution, enhancing productivity, quality and global competitiveness of cotton, sustaining and expanding trade of farm commodities and its sanitary and phytosanitary dimensions, village as knowledge centre and food and nutrition security of livestock and livelihoods. The Report also covers rehabilitation and alleviation of fishermen and farm families from distress due to Tsunami, empowerment of community based organizations and Panchayati Raj institutions and administrative initiatives like creation of a Gram Panchayat Mahila Fund for women.

The Second Interim Report of the Commission submitted recently to the Government *inter-alia* deals with food for all, fish for all, enhancing productivity, profitability, stability and sustainability of hill and arid agro ecosystems, coastal zone agriculture, mission for the prosperity of sugarcane farmers, conservation, cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants, organic farming, bio-fuels and agricultural market reforms..

The consultation process has begun for firming up the Government's decision in the matter.